

## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## \*\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\*\*

## SUPERIOR COURT SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR THE GRAND JURY

The Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt is now accepting applications from individuals interested in serving on the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury for fiscal year 2016-17. The Civil Grand Jury consists of nineteen citizens who investigate citizen complaints relating to local government agencies and non-profit organizations that receive public funding. It is an arm of the Superior Court but an entirely independent body.

Qualifications to be a grand juror are: U.S. citizenship, 18 years of age or older, a Humboldt County resident for at least one year, not currently holding an elected public office position, and not currently serving on a commission or committee appointed by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. Grand Jurors are paid \$20.00 for every seven (7) hours of actual meeting time, and mileage is reimbursed at .54 cents per mile. Currently, meetings are held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings each week. The time commitment is approximately 10-20 hours per week.

If you are interested in being a member of the Civil Grand Jury, please call Administration at (707) 269-1200 and ask to have an application mailed to you, or you can download it from <a href="https://www.co.humboldt.ca.us/grandjury">www.co.humboldt.ca.us/grandjury</a>. You can also learn more about the Civil Grand Jury by visiting <a href="https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov">www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov</a> and clicking on Jury (under the General Information tab on the home page). There is a recruitment video that was taped in Humboldt County and is being used statewide to recruit citizens to serve on grand juries.

Individuals interested in serving on the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury for Fiscal Year 2016-17 are encouraged to submit an application by May 31, 2016 (deadline may be extended).